

Lions did us proud

From JIM COOK in Adelaide

Hellas (S.A.) 2, Lions (Vic.) 2

On their two-match tour, Lions, of Melbourne, caused a big impression among Soccer fans in South Australia with their all-action style of play in the games against Hellas and Lions last week-end.

23 TRAIN AT BOWL

Wilhelmina have started their long range plan to build a powerful Soccer club for the future.

On Monday night 23 players registered with the Golden Bowl, Camberwell, for physical training under the personal supervision of Brendan Edwards, the former Hawthorn Australian Rules player.

The Ringwood club's players will train twice a week at the Bowl during the "off season".

The Wilhelmina boarding school at the club's new Junior ground at Croydon will start next January.

NO SOCCER SATURDAY

There will be no Soccer at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The Federation executive decided on Monday night that the Armstrong Cup final between St Albans and Wilhelmina would not be played.

On Sunday the Australia Cup game — Hellas v Juventus (S.A.) — at Olympic Park will start at 2 p.m. Curtain-raiser will be the under 18 Cup final — Sunshine City v Dandenong City — at 1.15 p.m.

The winner of Sunday's Australia Cup will play either APIA or South Coast

The final score in both games flattered the Adelaide sides.

In the first game at Heindmarsh Stadium, on Saturday, nearly 3,000 attended.

In the first half a couple of defensive mistakes saw the Melbourne side trailing 2-0 at half time despite looking the more aggressive in attack. In the second half the Melbourne side piled on the pressure and equalised before the final whistle with goals by Hamilton and Rosevear.

For the last 45 minutes the Essendon side were the much better team.

Pantelis, the Hellas inside forward, scored both his team's goals.

Lions (S.A.) 2, Lions (Vic.) 2.

Turning round for the second game in succession, Lions were again two goals down against the South Australian champions.

But making several changes at half time the Essendon side drove the Adelaide team right back in defence for almost the whole of the second half.

Every man in the Essendon team played above themselves and thrilled the crowd with an all-action brand of Soccer. With one exception, the forwards left their shocking boots at home. For they had seven gilt-edge chances to score but for some reason had only one goal by Baxter to show for their efforts.

All in, the Lions' trip was a great success and the hospitality of their counterparts in Adelaide was fantastic.

Morrie Buckner says

If a motorist drives through a red light and is later charged with the offence in court, he wouldn't get far with the magistrate by pleading that he is color-blind.

His licence to drive would most certainly be cancelled.

THEY'RE ALL COLOR-BLIND!



But you can't expect more from people who are metaphorically color-blind to anything and everything that will hamper and hinder their own personal aims or those of their clubs.

THE weekend produced several startling performances. One was the effort by Slavia's "crippled" side in fighting back from a 0-3 deficit to beat Hakoah 4-3 after extra time in 92-degree heat.

Another was the sparkling performance by George Cross against Juventus — a game in which both sides gave the spectators superior entertainment.

And finally, there was the clash of the Under 12's, the Frankston Pines and Sunshine City, who battled through time and extra time to a 2-2 draw.

It would be unfair to single out any one of these youngsters strictly on playing ability, but I shall take the liberty of mentioning one of them to illustrate the proposition that the future of Soccer in Australia lies with Australian kids, regardless of whether they are the sons of migrants or of purely Australian lineage.

At the end of this junior match, Wayne Kelly, Frankston Pines' left half, was carried off the field shoulder high as the star of his side.

The point is that Wayne is only nine years old and that before March this year he had never kicked a Soccer ball.

How Australian Soccer would flourish if thousands of kids like Wayne were scouted, encouraged, and the natural players amongst them coached by experts!

Within 10 years, Australia would produce an AUSTRALIAN World Cup team that would be just as respected abroad as this country's tennis players, swimmers, golfers, cyclists, athletes, and other sportsmen.

The Victorian Soccer Federation is like this hypothetical motorist — it fails to see the red lights.

When you ask the Soccer commissars about the queer things that go on in the name of Soccer these days, they merely smile and make statements which, in effect, go like this: "Sorry, but we are color-blind".

I have two reasons for saying this. Both concern matters which cropped up in games last weekend. Although these things may have been legally and technically permissible, they are certainly wrong in principle.

And surely if something is wrong in principle, steps should be taken to make it impossible to be technically and legally permissible.

LET'S take Saturday's Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup semi-final first. In this game, St. Albans gave a spirited performance to beat Hakoah 2-1.

But St. Albans didn't field its Reserve team. It fielded its First team.

What made this legally possible is the rule which says that no player can appear in both the Dockerty Cup series and the Reserve Cup series. So St. Albans pulled the obvious switch.

Realising that it had little chance of winning the Dockerty Cup and badly wanting a trophy to add to its Second Division championship pennant, it fielded its Reserves for the BIG Cup and held its Seniors for the Reserve Cup.

If you were to ask "What's wrong with that?" the answer must be "Nothing — technically." But what would happen if 30 or 40 clubs fielded their Reserve teams in the Dockerty Cup series and saved their Seniors for the Reserve Cup?

Both competitions would develop into a mess — a mess even worse, if possible, than the confused muddle already made of the Dockerty Cup and the

Australia Cup by the V.S.F. and the A.S.F. with their implementation of such stupid ideas as round-robin and home-and-away fixtures in competitions which were never intended to be anything else but KNOCKOUT competitions, and which become completely befuddled by any other arrangement.

And if Soccer's commissars create new and silly rules every year, rules that are dragging the sport of Soccer down into a bottomless quicksand, why blame St. Albans for pulling a smart switch?

But, dear commissars, be warned! Don't be color-blind! Unless you close this loophole, both of Victoria's Cup competitions will be reduced to utter farces.

NOW let's move on to Sunday's Australia Cup match in which George Cross gave one of its best displays of 1965 to beat a determined bid by Juventus 3-1.

Everyone was surprised to see Cross left fullback Johnny McDaid take the field. Surprised, pleased, and puzzled. The last we heard, Johnny had been suspended for three matches.

Naturally some questions were in order and I asked some officials about it. They told me that Johnny's case had gone to the Appeals Board and the Board had reduced the suspension to one match. I pointed out that this was the first match that Johnny's team had played since his suspension.

The officials agreed that this was the first match played by Cross' SENIOR team, but they pointed out that Cross' RESERVE team had played its last two league games since Johnny's suspension. And, although Johnny has been identified with the senior team since his arrival here, according to the officials those two Reserve games took Johnny off the hook!

So I say it again. This may be technically right but it's morally wrong.

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DON'T WRITE HELLAS OFF

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Bouls Kamboropolous, a clever ball-playing inside-forward, is the right type of player between the striking trio with his deft touches and ability to crack open a defence.

Who will form the fifth member of the Hellas attack? Unless of course, Mike Mandalis makes a comeback or if he isn't yet ready, could a place be found for the experienced Jimmy Adam?

I'm not going to underestimate Juventus (Adelaide) even without match-winner inside forward Steve Herczeg who also will be missing through World Cup duty with the Australian squad.

● SUPER SIDE

But although I gave them full credit for their clear-cut and shock win over Slavia they had the breaks and don't let's fool ourselves they are a super side.

Good maybe with a balanced defensive unit and an enterprising forward formation can they have a habit of bringing out the best in even mediocre sides.

Now my thoughts on the game and how it will go: Hellas should match at least the South Australian side in every phase of the game — ability and skill, pace, teamwork and courage. And the Melbourne side are exponents in attacking from the kick-off — something which Juventus failed to do against Slavia.

I feel Hellas have more drive in midfield and if their motor-driven attack can get an early glimpse of the goal, then they may recover some lost prestige for Victorian Soccer. But it may not be as easy as I suggest.

However, it's Hellas for me — all the way.

Teams will be selected from—

JUVENTUS: Horvath, Di Bartolo, Baggio, Jennings, Rossetto, Crawford, Moriarty, West, De Cruz, Corti, Cooper, Serafini, Chiappin, Gerveli and Ferrin.

S.M.-HELLAS: Tsitos, Kalegerous, Mantrakes, Margaritis, Papadopoulos, Roussis, Bedford, Pyrodis, Kamboropolous, Ackley, Mandalis, Damanakos and Adam.



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SOCCER NEEDS THIS

By FRED VILLIERS

Tuesday, November 30, 1965, will be Victoria's most important day in Soccer this year.

It will be the Victorian Soccer Federation's annual meeting at the Olympia Room. It starts at 7 o'clock.

This will be the most crucial meeting since the Federation was formed in Melbourne three years ago.

It is no secret that most officials will be glad to see the end of the present season. Most will say "Good riddance to 1965".

What a pity it has turned out this way. Early this year we all looked forward to the 1965 kick-off and we silently prayed that a good Soccer year was in store for us.

But instead Soccer has suffered a severe setback and the game has returned to its pre-1960 level.

The game in Melbourne needs urgent attention from the administration point of view. It needs long-range planning and more honest attitudes.

Clubs must realise that they need men at the top who will do the best for Soccer and not necessarily the best for their own club.

The childish attitude "If I can't have my own way my club won't play" must stop, and I mean stop. It must be forced by intelligent and responsible people in charge of the game.

Any club which walks off the Soccer ground in Melbourne should walk off for life. There should be no replays like we saw in this year's farcical Duxbury Cup competition which under the idiotic round-robin set-up should never have been played.

All the dead wood on the Federation Council and executive should resign and make way for men who are prepared to work for the good of the game and nothing else.

We need men with keen interest to whip up

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TEAM IN '66

enthusiasm with business houses of U.K. origin, men who will promote Soccer from the bottom, introduce it to State Schools and work on a long term policy. There is no room for those who make promises and do not fulfil them.

I am going to stick my neck out and suggest who should run Soccer in Melbourne next year.

• Theo Marmaras should be made president of the V.S.F. in recognition for his services rendered to the game.

• John Gorton, one of the up-and-coming officials, should be chairman.

• John Barclay should be brought back as chairman of the Metropolitan Management Committee.

• George Yelland, the Referees' Selector, should be included on the executive because of his excellent knowledge of the game.

• Michael Weinstein (Hakoah) has proved he's a good organiser and he should have a position with the executive.

• Ferdi Varrendi, has been a great worker for Soccer with the Italian community. Soccer needs him.

• Andy Kun (Melbourne) because of his intense interest in juniors and his knowledge of Soccer also should be included in the set-up.

• John Oliphant (Slavia) a man who has done much to build the Port Melbourne club is another good leader.

• John van Hoboken (Wilhelmina) knows big business and he also must be considered as an executive.

• Tom Burns, a V.S.F. Trustee, is another whose services would be valuable to Soccer if given an opportunity.

• Kurt Defris (Hakoah) has good organising ability and should also be included at top level. He is an ex-Association member. This was once a dirty word in Soccer but now any ex-Association man who has worked so hard should have a feather in his cap.

• Ted Thornton (Langwarrin) has a storehouse of ideas for promotion and he should be found a place with the Top Brass at Soccer House.

• A publicity man must be found. I suggest a journalist who knows something about Soccer and its set-up. Morrie Buckner in an executive capacity would be ideal.

• Isaac Spiegis (Hakoah) A top businessman who could do much for the game.

• JIM PAUL, a former Association official, who has been A.T.O.'s Soccer commentator. He should be back in the game in an administrative capacity because he has proved a good worker and capable official. The fact that he once served the Association does not matter.

• The former BRYTON, a hard worker, not Hakoah, and a man whose capabilities and scholastic qualifications should not be ignored by the Soccer body.

There's no time left to argue.

If Soccer has the tools at its disposal, let it get on with the job.

It's certainly a big one to tackle, but it CAN be done, and it MUST.

Maoris didn't impress

A TOURING team from Auckland which was captained by a 41-year-old former English international star Ken Armstrong failed to set the world on fire on a brief visit to Sydney.

Little more than 200 people saw the visitors.

The tour could not help to be a flop coming so late in the year but plans are under way for New Zealand's national team to make a full scale visit here next March.

Lance Robinson was quite right when he wrote in Sydney's Daily Telegraph that "Auckland seems to be suffering from the same malady eating into Sydney Soccer".

A preponderance of former British players, too old and too slow to hold their places in the British teams, are sufficiently experienced to keep youthful native talent on the sidelines.



ALL NEW "La Ronde"

Jane Fonda stars with a superb French cast in Roger Vadim's exciting new color version of "La Ronde". The film is now showing at the Luxury Repalio Cinema, Russell Street.



Detter Voigt, Juventus goalie, jumps high to save a shot from Bobby Mayle, George Cross inside forward, at Olympic Park on Sunday. Claude Fogale, Juventus half back, looks on.

Shanks wins top award

Lan Shanks, Melbourne half back, was voted the club's best player for 1965.

At the club's hall at Epsom Court on Saturday, Lan was presented with a gift from Frank Di Marchi, Ian St., St. Kilda, and of the wine and spirit merchants of Geelong St. Fitzroy and Chapel St. Prahran.

Other awards were made by Soccer News advertisers Your Travel Service of 144 Ac Ian St., St. Kilda, and TAA, the Nation's Jettine.



Here's a fine action shot of George Cross winger Archie Campbell at Olympic Park on Sunday. Photo: Uwe Kuessner.

Alton

WILLIAMSTOWN'S be Alton's gain

That in a nutshell successful Altona Soccer

John Cullen, publicity Officer for Altona, who have gained promotion into the second division, this week told Soccer News how Altona made the grade in one season!

Here is his story:

I was publicity officer of Williamstown Soccer Club and the dispute I had with a Williamstown Council worker over the paving down of a concrete path in the middle of our ground at J. T. Gray reserve, Kororoit Creek Rd., made me realise that we had no future at Williamstown.

When I complained as an individual, not as a club official, I was informed if I didn't keep to my own affairs we would not get the ground next year. "After all, you are only a Soccer club," I was told.

As a resident of Altona I knew that Altona Council is progressive. On my own initiative, I approached Councillor Stan McIntosh, and sounded him out on the possibility of getting a ground in Altona.

He was enthusiastic and advised that I get our secretary to write an official request. He would try and use what influence he could on our behalf.

Williamstown Soccer Club had a general meeting and although some disagreed we wrote asking for a ground. The council sent us a letter saying we had the ground, but to apply at the proper time in 1965.

NEW NAME

We changed our name to Altona Soccer Club from then on, the credit for organising the Altona club must go to Jimmy Todd.

The Altona council allowed us to use this old council hall, known as

a kicked on in one season!

SOCCER NEWS

less has proved to

is the story of the
er Club.

the "homestead", for the purpose of holding a public meeting.

Jimmy went here, there and everywhere talking to people who might be interested in offering their services.

He got notices printed and on his own he dropped them in letter-boxes, put them up in shops and talked to local businessmen getting promises of financial help.

The weeks passed with Jimmy still working untiringly and when the night of the meeting arrived the hall was packed out.

Most of the people there were strangers to each other.

I addressed the meeting and outlined our idea that this should be a completely new club, with experienced men from the old Williamstown club, and new blood in the form of anyone prepared to give of their time and effort.

BREAKTHROUGH

As a result, when we called for nominations for the various positions in the club, every position was filled on the committee totally with non-playing men.

This was the breakthrough we had hoped for. It meant that the players could concentrate on PLAYING. The only exception to this ruling was myself.

I was appointed publicity officer but I was allowed to make myself available for selection. I asked and was allowed to be able to attend the committee meeting as an observer only, as I wished to be able to criticise the committee should this be necessary in my opinion.

Elects that night were the president, vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, committee, coach, trainer and publicity officer. Also a council representative is on the committee, Cr. Stan McIntosh.

It was decided to train on Monday and Thursday nights at 5.30 pm! A week before training was officially to start more than 40 turned up.

On the opening night so many arrived it was decided to stagger the training program. Juniors were to train at 4 p.m. and seniors at 5.30.

Right through the sea-

J. Threlfall dies — 51

Joe Threlfall, one of Junior Soccer's greatest workers, died in a Melbourne hospital on Sunday. He was 51.

Joe was secretary to the juniors with the V.A.S.P.A. from 1958 to '61.

He had also been a junior coach and was one of the first junior officials to receive an honorarium for his services to juniors. Joe gave up Soccer because of ill health.

Gordon Culbard, Junior Federation chairman, said yesterday, "Joe was one of the greatest workers we've ever had in Junior Soccer. We've lost a good man".

The funeral took place at St. Mark's Church of England, Sunshine, on Tuesday and it was appropriate that the service should be held in the church by the local Soccer ground.

Joe lived with his wife and two sons at 22 Ferguson St., Albion.



son from early in February '65 to now, the turn up at training each night has been fantastic.

68 PLAYERS

One night I decided to count the players. Some of the juniors had left after finishing training, some seniors had not yet arrived, yet there were 68 players actually on the ground.

The teams which we formed were one senior, two senior reserve sides, an under 18 years, an under 16 years, two under 14's and one under 12.

The teams, too late to get in a league, we arranged friendly games for.

We did this recognising that if a player trains he wants a game, even if it is only a friendly. We had friendlies every Sunday. Our ground is Kim Reserve, Millers Rd., Al-

MEN AT THE TOP

Here is a list of Altona officials:

President: Alec Dunlop. Born Auchincloch, Scotland, Age 32.

Working vice-president: Ron Perkins, Burnley, England (40); Ludwick Assman, Poland (39).

Secretary: Joe Nesper, Czechoslovakia (39).

Treasurer: Jim Todd, London (31).

Publicity Officer: John Cullen, Glasgow (29).

Coach: Bill Stevens, Norwich (48).

Trainer: Marcell Schneider, Swin (24).

Committee: Gordon Reay, Crewe (23); John Collins, London (29); Archie McAvoy, Belfast (44) (still turns out in the reserves five weeks out of 10, is great player, small, wiry, tough and rough); Brian Bleakley, Manchester (29); Joe Gerardi, Maitland (38); Les Roberts, Liverpool (43); Arthur Morgan, Manchester (47).

Honorary member (and biggest backer): Mr. Noel deane, building contractor and estate agent.

Vice-presidents: Dr. Z. Atlas; Chris Sarros, milk bar proprietor; Cr. Stan McIntosh, Altona council representative.

The club has provided beautiful trophies for best players. They will be displayed in the window of Chris Sarros' shop for public viewing.

tona. There are two grounds.

The council built a two-room dressing shed, put on cold water and is going to include hot showers next year.

The grass is cut regularly. I make a point of complimenting the council in helping us.

During an election campaign my "Letter to the Editor" was the only one praising the council. The following week my headline in the local paper was "Altona swins to Soccer 'Victory' in which I mentioned the rain had caused two mud patches to form on the ground."

The next week the council worked for three days sweeping the mud away and putting down fresh earth.

You must admit, not many councils would bother to do that for a Soccer club.

We started the season well, lost four league games and one Dockety Cup game throughout the year. We drew two and won 16 league and three Dockety Cup games. We finished our first year in second position to Frankston.

Our reserve side finished the year in second position, again to Frankston.

PROMOTED

We thus have been promoted in our first year in existence — something which few teams ever achieve.

Altona believes that the only way to really have a successful club is to encourage Australians to take an interest and in this we have succeeded.

Many of our supporters are Australian residents.

I think the space I have been allowed in the "Altona Star" has contributed to this. I have written my reports in such a way as to interest if possible people who are not Soccer minded.

As a result Australian people who live in Altona have a better idea of and interest in Soccer than the average Australian in most other suburbs.

A big percentage of the junior players in the club are Australian born.

Altona believes that by playing down the National interests in favour of a local interest, then anybody can come and watch or play with no outside feelings entering into it.

There is harmony in the club. We have a great many nationalities, but where a person was born, his religion, or

Here is the triumphant Altona Soccer Club: Back row (left to right) — B. Bleakley, J. Nesper (secretary), J. Baker, A. Dunlop (president), N. Wynne, C. Karametos, J. Innes, R. Perkins, B. Stevens (coach), F. Fairthorne (treas.) Front row — E. Klesmail, J. Lipiarski, S. Herman, B. Abbott, W. Liddell (capt.), B. Coles, Jimmy Todd, the hardest-working committee member, is not in the photo.

This picture was taken for Soccer News by John Cullen, Altona's publicity officer.

which side he was on in the war has got nothing to do with his place in the club. He is an Altona man first and foremost.

I think that if this idea was adopted by every club and not just the odd one the game would kick on.

I disagree with Morris Buckner, though I like his articles. He only looks at part of the story.

Yes, Hellas may have more supporters than Melbourne. But most people know that Melbourne is a Hungarian team. But he doesn't really think that if every single man had a local name that is say two or three years the attendance wouldn't be trouble what they are now.

It seems to be proud of the fact that we get 14,000 at a State League game. But over 2,000,000 people have migrated to Australia since the war.

Suppose half live in Melbourne, that's 1,000,000, suppose half are women with no interest in Soccer, that's 500,000 eligible Soccer spectators.

LUNATICS

Out of this we boast of getting 14,000 at a top match.

We should have no national teams, then half these lunatics with knives would not bother to come to Soccer.

The other half would not take a knife as the

nation he hated would not predominate any particular team.

We could lessen half of the migrants who don't come to Soccer now. And we should be able to get the Australian to identify with Soccer as an Australian game, not as we must admit, the way they think now.

"A Moody New Australian game where they hit the ball with their heads and carry knives in their pockets."

The trouble is we are too proud to lower ourselves and trying to interest Australians.

The attitude seems to be antagonism to Australians. If they want to come, let them. Instead of "How can we get the Australian to come to the game."

Morris Buckner is a clever man who is unfortunately opposed to new ideas. His mind is made up, no matter what any one else thinks.

Just don't confuse him with facts. When I read his criticism of the dropping of the New Australian names I was most disappointed.

You see, I think the Soccer News exerts a big influence on the game here and with its backing this forward move could come true.

When a man of the stature of Morris Buckner opposes it then it will be so much harder to implement.

In Altona there is no

Nationalism. Yet we have Australians, Scots, English, Irish (north and south), German, Maltese, Swiss, Polish, Italian and one or two others. These mix socially off the field as well as on the field.

BIG TEST

When Altona was in the "four" the test came. One of the last games of the year was against Ajax in second position.

Altona was in fourth position with equal points but a worse goal average. The team that won this match would most probably be promoted.

At one stage it was 1-1. Then we went wild. We piled on five goals to make it 6-1. Ajax scored 6-2. We missed a penalty — our fifth penalty in a row we had missed this year.

Ajax scored from a penalty 6-3. Then Altona scored to make it 7-3.

This vital win made us two points ahead of Ajax and we went on to win promotion. We won the final game against Waverley 4-0 to clinch it.

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British soccer LAST WEEKEND

Chelsea 0, Leicester 2:



CHELSEA looked like a side who have already had too much football.

They were rank and file, patient, and there was little in their play to indicate early improvement. From that one of their best shots came from England leader Barry Bridges during a brief appearance as substitute.

Bridges, sidelined by manager Tom Docherty's decision to play Peter Osgood at center forward, came on when left back Eddie McCreadie was injured ten minutes from time.

McCreadie protested as referee Harry Medhurst let him off, but later he had to go to hospital for X-ray on a rib injury.

Clincher

Leicester greeted Bridges with a second much-clinching goal. Derek Dougan applying the finishing touch after Bobby Roberts's shot had been on target.

Goal No. 1 came after forty-five minutes of boring football by both teams, with no many inaccurate passes it was not surprising a defender scored on the edge of the goal.

Dave Gibson took a quick corner and full back John Sjöberg ran into position on the edge of the penalty area to head home.

Leicester woke up after that. Twice they hit the uprights and once McCreadie saved on the line with Peter Roberts well beyond his usual Chelsea defence line apart.

Docherty's gamble on Osgood did not come off. He was well looked after by Ian King, though the Windsor teenager showed occasional touches of brightness in his second League game.

Joe Padierna was the best Chelsea forward. He fired in one shot that brought a defender save from Gordon Banks, who finger-tipped it over the bar.

Great

Banks, uncertain early on—especially with high crosses—also made a fantastic mid-air stop from a Bert Murray effort. Banks's reflexes were working 100 per cent on a rib injury.

These moments and the goal apart, the match was one long yawn—certainly the worst First Division game I have endured all season.

The twenty-two players did little to earn their top bracket wages.

Chelsea have now gone four games without a win and scored only two goals in that period. They could do with some of the old, familiar faces.

HALF-SPEED WEST HAM

Northampton 2, W. Ham 1
W. Ham 1, West Ham 1
The talent is there, even with Johnny Byrne out of action—but the spirit seems gone.

Half-speed, apathetic, playing as individuals, they were rubbed time and again by an ever-enthusiastic side, all out to get their first win in Division One.

True, West Ham can plead a curious penalty decision against them when their back Dennis Harford tripped with Northampton's Bobby Hunt in the "box."

Not only did it not look a foul, but the ball was being played low yards away by Northampton's Ken Leck. Theo Foley scored the penalty.

Ten minutes from the end, Northampton won the match when Ken Leck back-headed the ball into the net from Bobby Hunt's pass.

In the credit side, West Ham must thank their young backs, Dennis Harford, and John Harries, plus Bobby Moore and Ken Brown.

But the spirit of these backs needs to be passed on to their forward line. West Ham must also thank Jim Standen for his finger clearance from Bobby Hunt.



Gibson, of Leicester, signals direction of ball after beating Chelsea's McCreadie, but it was no goal.

Swansea 4, QPR 3

Evans corner within a few minutes of the kick-off. And from that moment until the interval it was practically all Swansea, including a twenty-five minute corner Wales Under-23 winger Evans.

In the thirty-second minute the energetic McCreadie split the QPR defence and Todd added goal No. 3.

One now assumes that Swansea would go for their biggest win of the season, but they were brought on substitute.

Ken Keith Sanderson for the injured Tony Hapell. This move had a surprising effect on Swansea's fortunes.

They attacked with great gusto, and with Swales back pedalling into their own goal area the visitors floundered.

In the sixty-eighth minute Collins was able to tap the ball past Hapell.

Even minutes later, back Brian Taylor lifted a swift centre to the far post and it was then that Allen headed Swansea's second goal.

To change their tactics, and in the thirty-second minute Jimmy McEneaney fastened on to a lucky pass from wing half Williams and scoring goalkeeper Smith went away from his charge, lobbed home the final goal.

Newcastle 0, Spurs 0

A mid-air international goal-keeping nearly cost Spurs a point. He got the impression, even then, that Arsenal under-23 winger who can claim only one league win in the past forty-five years, in three "jokes" in the Blackbird attack—Bridges, Harrison and eight winger Ferguson—embarrassed an Arsenal defence which was none too well served at full back.

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Arsenal 2, Blackburn 2:

Arsenal's two goals against a half-bottom team in the First Division and deserve little, if any, credit for this victory.

Blackburn's first goal, free into the back corner half in Britain, led the attack brilliantly and undermined the Gunners' defence with his mastery.

How unlucky for Hovers who followed up their point on to the box by left winger Mike Harrison, and was finally headed into his own net by David Clark.

They conceded an extraordinary own-goal after 14 sunny minutes.

A free kick by Ronnie Clayton was headed on to the box by left winger Mike Harrison, and was finally headed into his own net by David Clark.

He thought, as I did, that the ball had crossed the line when it dropped down from the bar.

Blackburn deserved the lead until goals coming at a George Armstrong's cross.

let McIlkott equalise with a strong header.

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It was no surprise when the big Welshman, who shipped his country against the Russians from centre half on Wednesday, put Blackburn ahead again with a quick ball through the middle from John Radford.

He let inside Mullery, but his shot could have been blown away by Jennings, who had no trouble collecting.

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